
INTRODUCTION:

JOINT AND MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS

We are a strong nation. But we cannot live to ourselves and remain strong.

--George C. Marshall
General of the Army, 1948

Union may be strength, but it is mere blind brute strength unless wisely directed.

--Samuel Bulter

We cannot always assure the future of our friends; we have a better chance of assuring our future if we remember who our friends are.

--Henry Kissinger

COURSE OVERVIEW

Introduction

The course introduction provides a brief overview of the complexity of the post-Cold World War. It also examines the current emphasis on Joint and Multinational Operations. This information will provide you with a basis for understanding the importance and relevancy of the *Joint and Multinational Operations* (8806) course.

Background

Since the end of World War II, the United States has confronted increasingly complex and potentially serious national security concerns. In 1945, the Axis powers were decisively defeated, the Soviet Union had become a recent ally, and the United States had a monopoly on the atomic bomb. There were approximately 50 countries in the world then, the United Nations was just starting to function, and the United States had few entangling alliances; either bilateral or multilateral. The American economy was larger than the rest of the world's combined and the United States was not dependent on imported oil on any other vital resources. Today's world is quite different.

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COURSE OVERVIEW, Continued

Growing Complexity

As the turn of the century approaches, the international arena is far more complex and a potentially more threatening place. There are now more than 200 countries in the world along with a variety of nongovernmental, international actors ranging from powerful multinational corporations to humanitarian relief agencies.

Economics

America's economy is still the world's largest, but it is no longer as dominate as it once was. As the global economy has grown and become more interdependent, the well-being of the United States has increasingly been affected by events overseas. While there is no single country that could match the United States militarily, there are any number who could cause serious problems.

International Politics

There is no shortage of regimes and groups that openly express enmity toward the United States. Nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction have proliferated and some may soon fall into the hands of rogue states or terrorist groups. In contrast to a traditional pre-World War II adherence to isolationism, the U.S. today is aggressively engaged in international politics and is bound by many collective security and collection defense treaties.

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Course Overview, Continued

Structure and Mission

As the international situation has changed in the last half-century, the structure and mission of the U.S. military also has changed. Since the end of World War II, the Air Force was created, the services were unified, and the Marine Corps achieved full membership on the joint Chiefs of Staff. In recent years, there has been an increasing emphasis on joint doctrine designed to optimize cooperation and enhance interoperability. Given the current international situation, it is reasonable to conclude that future national security requirements might arise almost anywhere in the world and they may range from a simple need for a temporary military presence to a prolonged high-intensity war.

Whatever the challenge, the Marine Corps will almost certainly be called upon to operate in an environment that is joint, multilateral, or both. This course examines some of the new realities of joint and multinational operations. The course looks at the Marine Corps as one component within these operations.

Relationship to Other Instruction

This course will introduce you to the following areas of study:

- wMarine forces as a component
- wSpecial Operations Forces (SOF) organization and planning considerations
- wMultinational operations planning and considerations
- wTheater logistics
- wInformation warfare and command and control warfare

These areas of study will provide you with an operational understanding of *Warfighting From the Sea* (8804 through 8808).

Course Organization

Joint and Multinational Operations (8806) is organized in the following manner with respect to lessons, study hours, and total hours for the course.

Lesson	Reading Hours	Issues Hours	Total Hours	Page Number
Lesson 1: MARFOR as a Component	2.5	1	3.5	1-1
Lesson 2: Special Operations Forces: Organization and Planning Considerations	3.5	1	4.5	2-1
Lesson 3: Multinational Operations Planning Considerations	3	1	4	3-1
Lesson 4: Theater Logistics	1	1	2	4-1
Lesson 5: Information Warfare and Command and Control Warfare	3	1	4	5-1
Lesson 6: Space Operations	3	1	4	6-1
Final Examination			2	
Total Study Hours	16	6	24	

Reserve Retirement Credits

The total number of study hours for this course, including the time for the comprehensive examination, is 24.5 hours. For Reservists, inactive duty retirement credits are awarded for every 3 hours of study time. **The total number of reserve retirement credits awarded to Reserve Officers for completing this course is 8.**

Course Purpose

A Foundation for Your View

In today's Marine Corps, you will participate in various joint and multinational operations. You may go on a unit deployment aboard a naval vessel, work with Army units in a training exercise, or fight alongside allied forces in a real-world operation. You may be in a Marine Corps unit that operates as a component of a larger force or has joint or multinational forces assigned to it.

The goal of this course is to educate you on the Marine Corps' role as a component and how this employment affects MAGTF, Joint Task Force (JTF), and multinational planning. The course specifically addresses special operations forces, theater logistics, and information warfare and command and control warfare. The methodology used to achieve these goals combine self-study, support from the College of Continuing Education enhancement programs, and testing designed to measure your acquired knowledge.

Further Study

The post-Cold War world presents one of the most complex and dynamic periods in the history of international relations. As the world changes dramatically around us, the national security concerns of the United States will continue to be in a state of flux. The roles and missions of the Marine Corps will have to continue to meet new challenges through flexibility, responsiveness, and the ability to adapt to changing demands.

It is your responsibility to maintain a lifelong learning process to keep abreast of what is going on in the world so you can do your part to ensure the Marine Corps is ready to meet whatever challenge confronts it.

Course Objectives

Unified Command	Analyze and examine the role of the Marine component under a unified command or joint task force.
Various Options	Understand the various options a Commander in Chief (CINC) has to organize his command.
Service/Functional Component	Differentiate between a service component and a functional component.
Capabilities and Limitations	Comprehend the capabilities and limitations of U.S. special operations forces.
Frameworks, Roles, and Missions	Explain the possible organizational frameworks, roles, and missions of a Special Operations Component Command within a unified command or under a JTF.
Planning Considerations	Summarize the planning considerations of employing special operations forces in support of joint and multinational forces at the operational level of war.
Operations	Comprehend how the U.S. military is organized to plan, execute, sustain, and train for joint and multinational operations.
Joint Doctrine	Comprehend current joint doctrine.
Considerations	Summarize the considerations of employing joint and multinational forces at the operational level of war.

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Course Objectives, Continued

Levels of Logistics	Comprehend the relationship between the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of logistics.
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Elements of a Theater Logistics System	Comprehend the elements of a theater logistics system and how they are integrated into the theater logistics concept.
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Command Relationships	Comprehend the relationship between joint force command and directive authority for logistics support and joint warfighting capabilities.
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Space Operations	Understand who is responsible for space operations.
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SPACECOM	Understand how Space Communications (SPACECOM) provide support to joint forces and how a Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) can access that support.
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Space Doctrine	Appraise U.S. space doctrine and understand how commanders can best use space forces to leverage combat power in the joint environment.
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Limitations	Understand the factors that limit space forces and their operations.
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Functional Areas	Understand the four functional areas of space operations that are envisioned to support MAGTF operations in the 2010 time frame.
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Course Readings

Required Readings

Some **required readings** are provided to you in the *Joint and Multinational Operations Readings* (8806). These include articles from various professional magazines, journals, as well as doctrinal publications reprinted in annexes. Each annex is referenced in the course according to its sequence in each lesson.

Other **required readings** of military publications are provided to you in either the *Joint Pub Readings* (8800); the *FM/FMFRP Readings* (8800); or the *FMFM Readings* (8800). Each reading is referenced under the section title Required Readings within each lesson.

The **required reading** provided to you with this course as a separate publication is as follows:

MCWP 0.1-1, *Componency* (Coordinating Draft)

Supplemental Readings

In addition to the mandatory readings, each lesson contains references or supplemental readings that you may use as you need them. They are not included with your course material.

Course Evaluation

Examination

The final requirement for *Joint and Multinational Operations* (8806) is a proctored, 2-hour, machine-graded, closed-book examination. There are 50 complex, multiple choice questions. The examination questions are drawn from the information found in the Required Readings and from within the lessons.

This examination is content-based in nature; you should be very familiar with course content and subject matter both in preparing for the examination and then in responding to the final examination questions.

There may be more than one answer that appears to be correct for a given question. You must choose the **best** answer.

Student Questionnaire

The examination packet for this course includes a student questionnaire sheet. Please comment as the form instructs. Future changes in this course will be based, in part, on your comments and recommendations. **Please complete the questionnaire and remember: What really helps for the future are suggestions on how to do things better!**

How to Obtain Assistance

Contacting MCI The Marine Corps Institute (MCI) administers the Command and Staff College Distance Education Program (CSCDEP). Questions concerning program, course material, grades or enrollment status should be addressed to the MCI PME HelpDesk by any of the following methods below.

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ATTN: Registrar
Washington Navy Yard
912 Poor Street, SE
Washington, DC 20391-5680

Contacting CCE The Marine Corps University College of Continuing Education (CCE) provides enhancements to the CSCDEP in the form of local seminars, video teleconferencing, a video library, and other products designed to enhance the student's learning experience. In addition, several Regional Development Centers (RDCs) have coordinators available to answer questions.

Address your questions about course content to CCE by any of the methods below. Ask for the *Joint and Multinational Operations* (8806) course leader.

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